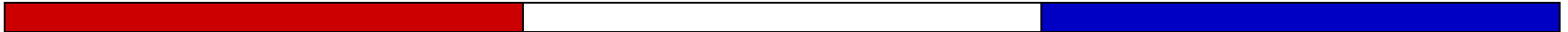# VistA Fee IPAC Interoperability Project for Joint Ventures and Sharing

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IT Development Project on VistA Fee IPAC Solution

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VistA Fee IPAC Interoperability Project
Impact

Improve collaboration, seamless transition, and sharing by reducing manual business process burdens, barriers, disincentives, and costs

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Improving VA/DoD Collaboration
IT Development Project for VistA Fee IPAC Solution

- Project:

    Enhance VA legacy systems to achieve interoperability with Intra-Governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) System (preferred by Treasury).

- Purpose:

    Improve VA/DOD collaboration, seamless transition, and sharing by reducing manual business process burdens, barriers, disincentives, and costs impacting nearly all 250 VA and DOD major medical facilities and strengthen partnerships with 107 medical schools

VistA Fee IPAC Interoperability Project
Potential Outcomes

- Very significant opportunity cost
- This IT solution will lead to national standardization and modernization of VA's federal health care payment processes.
- VA will be able to transmit veteran hospital and Medicare payments to any federal health care provider that VA has contracted with.

VistA Fee IPAC Interoperability Project
Timelines

- JV Annual Conference El Paso (March 6-8, 2007)
- Briefings to VA senior managers
- VHA HEC Denver submitted New Service Request (NSR) on behalf of VA's Medical Sharing Office (May 1)
- Briefed VA Strategic Management Council (June 19)
- VA Meetings with DOD IPAC at Annual Conf Orlando (June 21)
- Briefed VA/DOD JEC (July 18)
- IDMC preliminary approval (July)
- Acting Secretary Mansfield direction (Dec 13)
- Briefed Secretary Peake (January 9, 10, 2008)
- Cost estimates VHA, Central Fee, FASPAC (Jan)
- Project proposal formally submitted (Jan/Feb)

VistA Fee IPAC Interoperability Project
Next Steps

- IT development approved and work begins on VistA Fee IPAC project (Spring)

- VA Pacific Is. HCS DR NDAA Demo Project complete (June)

- VA Pacific Is. HCS Enhanced DR begin work (July)

- Test VistA Fee IPAC

- Connect VistA Fee IPAC and Enhanced DR to become interoperability prototype (FY 09)

VistA Fee IPAC Interoperability Project
Linkage

Briefings and discussions with:

- VA Financial and Logistics Integrated Technology Enterprise (FLITE) project (Nov 07)

- VA Office of Information Technology finance systems IT developers (Nov 07)

- VHA Office of Academic Affiliates (Jan 08)

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